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1. Polish youths, called up for service in the Polish Army, have for a long time been discontented, and have evinced a dislike for the "people's democratic army". They feel their national honor is at stake, and resent remarks made by civilians, such as "you soldier" or "you Polish soldier". These remarks invariably lead to fights, with the soldier vehemently denying his soldier status, divesting himself of his cap and shoulder straps, and attacking the civilian who made the remark. The outcome of the fights is, naturally, tragic for the soldier, and not exactly pleasant for the civilians involved. With the inevitable consequences of such melees in mind, soldiers and civilians try to restore order and cover up the incident.
2. During the closing ceremonies in observance of the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, dances and games had been arranged; soldiers and sailors were obliged to attend, and civilian attendance was mandatory as well. On 7 November, a public dance was staged in the Europa, the town's best restaurant, located on ulica Generala Swierczewskiego. During the dance a fight occurred between soldiers and civilians, and in the brawl, caps, shoulder straps, and uniform coats were trampled underfoot. All the soldiers were removed from the restaurant by military police and a number of civilians were arrested by the UB (Security Police) and the militia.
3. Similar incidents occurred at the same time in Szczecin (Stettin) with like results.

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1. Comment. It is assumed that the Europa restaurant is located in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende).

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